merits alone. There was only a comparatively small amount of back rates, and if the Council could show such a record on the taxes then it would be time to talk. The taxes of the last year had not yet been collected, and the very Aldermen who were moving in this matter were those who moved to have the time for the taxes extended two or three months.

Ald. Skinner—I deny it. I will not be impeached by the Mayor or any one else.

Mayor Hyman—"I had no allusion to you, Ald. Skinner. I said, and I repeat it, that the very Aldermen—some among them—who are moving in this matter, are those who moved to extend the time for collection of the taxes." If the by-law was submitted there was no doubt it would be carried for certain reasons. These men would be at the meetings to speak to them about it, but in a year the people would see differently from what they did now. The Aldermen might also change their opinions. Indeed, they had seen to-night how a little moral influence brought to bear, changed their opinions.

Ald. Becher—Bulldozed them.

Mayor Hyman concluded by saying that if it was decided to place the Water-works under control of the Council, the people would be sorry for it hereafter.

Ald. Stringer thought the vote should be taken. No charges had been made against the Board of Commissioners of extravagance; but they should let the people pronounce on the matter. If they voted against it he would be satisfied, but if they carried it and he was a member of the Council next year he would do his utmost to bring about a reform in the expenditure.

The motion was then carried, and the by-law passed.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

By Ald. Cowan, chairman:—

1.—In compliance with the provisions of the Public Health Act, 1884, the City Council on the 19th May last appointed by by-law a Local Board of Health, consisting of the following ratepayers:—His Worship the Mayor, C. S. Hyman, Esq.; Aldermen James Cowan, Thomas C. Hewitt, Samuel Stringer, William Scarrow, Dr. James F. Niven, Dr. F. B. Wilkinson, William Saunders, Esq., and Thomas H. Tracy, City Engineer. Mr. Saunders declining to act, Dr. Henry Arnott was appointed in his place. Mr. William Bell, in addition to his other duties as License Inspector and Relief Officer, was re-elected Health Inspector, and with the time at his disposal has proved himself an efficient officer. Chief of Police Williams and Mr. William Platt, Inspector of Water, under the Water Commissioners, were appointed Assistant Health Officers, without remuneration; both of whom have rendered good service in sanitary work.

2.—Your Board appointed a sub-committee with power to engage the services of one assistant Health Officer and two constables, who began a thorough and systematic inspection, and for over two months continued their services, visiting almost every house, well, used and unused, cellars, privies cesspools and all outhouses, the result of which has been a general cleaning up all round, which is still going on.

3.—Your Board has much pleasure in reporting the general state of health within the city as good. There has been no epidemic. There was one case of small-pox thrown upon the city by another municipality, which caused no little alarm as well as expense. The patient was cured and discharged after several weeks' confinement. The sewers have been regularly flushed and kept clean, and all refuse and filth injurious to the public health have been removed outside the city limits.

4.—Your Board would recommend the removal of the wooden building used as a small-pox hospital, as being totally inadequate for the city's requirements, and should a visitation of Asiatic cholera take place, we are without any means to cope with it, the ground around the General Hospital being too limited to allow of the erection of the pavillion sheds necessary; besides, the district around the present hospital has of late almost doubled its population, consequently the necessity of removing it to a less inhabited place is more urgent.

5—Your Board has had under its consideration for some time the proper means of removal and disposal of the contents of vaults and closets, etc., and have thoroughly agreed that, considering our position with regard to the sewers, that the odorless system is the true one, and we are now in treaty with one of the Odorless Excavating Companies of the United States, to introduce a branch of their establishment in this city, which we consider will be a great boon to the citizens, as well as the means of securing a much better sanitary system.

6—The disposal of refuse has also engaged our attention, and the means we suggest is for the city either to purchase or rent a suitable place, where all such matter can be deposited, and such as can be burnt be incinerated. At present our system is vile, but the limited means at our disposal prevent your Board taking action on this point.

7—Your Board recommend the Council of next year to consider the advisability of appointing a Medical Health Officer, for the Health Inspector having so many other duties to perform, it is impossible for him to continue to discharge satisfactorily his functions as a sanitary officer.

8.—Your Board regret having exceeded the appropriation of $500 placed by the Council at its disposal, but, when it is known that nearly one-half of that amount was expended on the one case of small-pox, your Board has endeavored with the limited means at its disposal to discharge diligently the duties devolving upon them.

On motion the report was adopted, and the Clerk of the Board ordered to prepare a copy and forward it to the Provincial Board of Health.

Ald. Skinner moved, that a vote of thanks be tendered to the Chairman and members of the Board of Health for their services.

Ald. Becher seconded. Carried.

Ald. O'Meara spoke of destitute travellers who came into the city to stop over night. It would be very little to do something for them by giving them a cup of coffee, or something of that kind.

Ald. Birrell said the matter might be dealt with by the Mayor and Inspector.

Council adjourned for two weeks.

Council Proceedings.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, December 5, 1884.

A special meeting of the City Council was held.

Present:—Mayor Hyman (in the chair), Ald. Birrell, Labatt, Beattie, Cowan, O'Meara, Skinner, Stringer, Scarrow, Niven, Becher.

Ald Becher submitted the report of the Committee on Amalgamation which was as follows:—

1.—Your Committee beg to report that they have so far been unable to negotiate with the residents of London South for annexation to the city.

2.—With respect to the annexation of London East, your Committee beg to report that they have been in negotiation with a Committee from the Council of that municipality and have agreed upon certain terms to be submitted to this Council for their approval, which terms are contained in the resolution attached.

3.—Your Committee recommend that this resolution be passed, and a copy of it sent to the Clerk of London East:—

Whereas, the Council of the City of London consider that amalgamation with the Town of London East would be an advantage to both municipalities,

Be it resolved:

That in consideration of the Council of London East passing the necessary resolution for the submission to the ratepayers of the question of amalgamation, and the ratepayers adopting a by-law confirming it, if this Council agrees that the following terms are settled as a part of the basis upon which the amalgamation shall be effected:

1. That in consideration of the Grand Trunk Railway Company establishing and maintaining within the limits of the amalgamated municipalities, or either of them, car-works or other shops, and giving employment therein to not less than nine hundred hands during the continuance of the exemption, an offer shall be made to the said company of exemption from taxation to the extent of $5,000 per annum for 10 years.

2. That during the period of five years from the date of amalgamation the proceeds of the rate levied upon property in London East for street improvements shall be expended in that municipality.

3. That for the period of five years from the date of amalgamation the increase of the rate of assessment of property in London East over that of 1884 shall be only in proportion to the amount required to furnish London East with such additional advantages as the Council of London East shall require when final terms are being settled.

4. That the charges relating to water-works to be paid by London East shall be the same as those paid by the city of London.

5. That all terms of amalgamation not agreed upon and settled by the two Councils before the proposed annexation is effected shall be determined by arbitration.

It was moved by Ald. Becher, seconded by Ald. Stringer, that the report be received and adopted.

In amendment, it was moved by Ald. Cowan, seconded by Ald. O'Meara, the report be taken up clause by clause.

The amendment was carried.

On clause 1,

In amendment Ald. Cowan moved that the following words be added, "that in the event of an amalgamation between the Grand Trunk and Canada Pacific railways this grant shall be null and void." Ald. O'Meara seconded.

The amendment was lost on the following division.

Yeas—Cowan, O'Meara—2

Nays—Birrell, Labatt, Beattie, Skinner, Stringer, Scarrow, Niven, Becher—8.

The clause adopted.

Clauses 2, 3, 4, 5 passed, and the report was adopted as a whole.

The Clerk was instructed to forward a copy of the resolution to the London East Council.

Mayor Lilley and Dr. Gardiner, of London East, who was present, were allowed to address the Council.

Mayor Lilley felt very thankful for the vote they had taken, and trusted that it would prove a benefit to the Corporation. He believed the time had come when all the suburbs should be amalgamated with the city. He spoke of the money that had been squandered foolishly in London East in the past, and concluded by saying that the Council had done honor to themselves and credit to the city by their vote.

Dr. Gardiner was strongly in favor of the amalgamation, for at present the city and suburbs were cutting one another's throats as fast as possible. He believed the terms were as favorable as they could expect as far as he had heard them. He hoped the terms would be such that the people could adopt them, and that in the future the mayor might be mayor of London city united.

Adjourned.